



# ***Accessible Business Entrance Program***

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Legislation passed in 2021 that:

- Extends the program deadlines by two years
- Helps property owners comply with existing state and federal accessibility laws by ensuring that people with disabilities can access products and services offered by San Francisco businesses
- Requires existing buildings serving the public to feature primary entrances that are accessible to people with disabilities

# Places of “Public Accommodation”

Businesses that serve the public are generally included in the Accessible Business Entrance program.

As defined by the law, a place of “public accommodation” is where the public will enter a building to purchase goods or services, including:

- Banks
- Health Clubs
- Offices
- Bars and Restaurants
- Hotels
- Theaters
- Grocery and Retail Stores
- Hair Stylists
- Medical Offices
- Daycare Centers

# Compliance

1. Submit initial forms: **DUE: June 30, 2022**
  - Pre-screening form for property owners to certify their building does not qualify for the program
  - Waiver form for property owners who believe their building already complies with the program requirements
  - Category Checklist Compliance form for property owners who need to renovate their property to comply with the ordinance. This form is to be completed by a licensed engineer/architect or a Certified Access Specialist (CASp) as part of a site inspection

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## 2. Secure building permits and renovate property

- **December 31, 2022** - File application for a building permit by December 31, 2022

- **September 29, 2023** - If construction is required to bring the property into compliance, the owner is responsible for securing any necessary building permits and renovating the property

# Next Steps

## If you are a Property Owner:

- Compliance is a requirement, but also in your interest.
- The deadline will be here before you know it.
- Deadline to submit initial compliance form is June 30, 2022.
- If you own one of the approximately 13,000 addresses in San Francisco that has not yet initiated the compliance process for the ABE program, **don't wait do it now!**

**Visit our website: [sfgov/accessible-business-program-abe-program](https://sfgov.com/accessibility/accessible-business-program-abe-program) for more information!**



**THANK YOU!**